

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2329 – SB 2401

February 20, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013041): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Designates the segment of State Route 386 known as Vietnam Veterans Boulevard, which runs from Interstate 65 to Long Hollow Pike, for the placement of signs on such highway denoting fallen soldiers from the Vietnam War. Directs the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to coordinate the placement of signs with the appropriate group, as designated by the sponsor of this act and who represents veterans of that war. Directs that such signs are not to displace or interfere with any existing signage along the route. Requires all signs to be installed at one time after which no further of these type signs shall be installed for the respective county. Fallen soldiers who were residents of Davidson County shall be designated on signs on that segment of State Route 386 that runs from Interstate 65 to the Sumner County line, and fallen soldiers who were residents of Sumner County shall be designated on signs on that segment of State Route 386 that runs from the Sumner County line to Long Hollow Pike.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the county legislative bodies of these counties choose to designate the placement of such signs along Vietnam Veterans Boulevard, and such signs will be manufactured and erected by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), there will be a one-time increase in state expenditures. The one-time increase in state expenditures will be determined by the number of fallen soldiers from each county who will have signs placed along the Boulevard. Since the number of veterans affected is unknown, the increase in state expenditures cannot be determined. However, for each sign placed, there will be an increase in one-time state expenditures of \$150.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent that the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) coordinates the placement of signs with the appropriate veterans' group as designated by the sponsor and such signs are manufactured and erected by TDOT, there will be a one-time increase in state expenditures. The one-time increase in state expenditures will be determined by the number of fallen soldiers from each county who will have signs placed along the Boulevard. The actual number of veterans affected is unknown; however, according to TDOT, signs could be placed along the 15 miles of State Route 386 at one mile intervals, for a maximum placement of 15 pairs of signs. This will result in a maximum one-time increase in state expenditures of \$4,500 for 30 signs.

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Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Signs will be placed along this segment of Vietnam Veterans Boulevard at the discretion of the appropriate veterans' group.
- The only counties affected will be those through which Vietnam Veterans Boulevard runs (Sumner and Davidson counties).
- The cost of the signs will be \$150.00 each, which is the estimated cost of signs to designate bridges and highways.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-1-133, TDOT is required to fund from resources in the Highway Fund the cost of signage of an interstate, U.S. highway, or state highway designated as a memorial highway or memorial bridge for a member of the military or any state or local public safety official killed in the line of duty.
- According to TDOT, the length of roadway affected in each county will be: Davidson County from I-65 to the Sumner County line is 2.3 miles; Sumner County from the Sumner County line to Long Hollow Pike is 12.6 miles.
- The segment of State Route 386 is approximately 15 miles in length. Assuming the signs are placed one mile apart, there could be a maximum of 15 pairs of signs on this route. The estimated cost of 30 signs is \$4,500 (30 signs x \$150).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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